## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

## DOCKET NO. 3:05CR391-W

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	PRELIMINARY ORDER
v.	)	OF FORFEITURE
(05) WILLIE JAMES ASHFORD,	)	
Defendant.	)	

In the bill of indictment in this case, the United States sought forfeiture of property of the defendants pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §853(a) as property that was proceeds of and/or was used to facilitate the crimes charged, together with any other substitute property, which would be subject to forfeiture under §853(p).

Defendant WILLIE JAMES ASHFORD entered into a plea agreement; subsequently pled guilty to Count One in the bill of indictment; and was adjudged guilty of the offense charged in that count. In the plea agreement, defendant has agreed to forfeit specific property listed in the bill of indictment as described below.

## It is therefore ORDERED:

1. Based upon defendant's plea of guilty, the United States is authorized to seize the following property belonging to defendant, and it is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition according to law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. §853(n):

\$26,623.00 in United States Currency seized on or about June 10,2005

2. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §853(n)(1), the government shall publish in a newspaper of general

circulation, notice of this order; notice of its intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the

Attorney General may direct; and notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or

claiming a legal interest in any of the above-listed forfeited property must file a petition with the

Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever

is earlier. This notice shall state that the petition shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of

the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of

perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in each of

the forfeited properties and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief

sought. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any

person known to have alleged an interest in property that is the subject of this order of forfeiture, as

a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

3. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a final order of

forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §853(n).

Signed: July 5, 2007

Frank D. Whitney

United States District Judge

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